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HEALTH CARE

Health minister won't rush Smith recommendations

ALLAN BENNER PelhamNEWS Staff

WELLAND - Deb Matthews has no plans of rushing through Kevin Smith's recommendations for restructuring Niagara Health System. In an exclusive interview, Ontario's

health minister said Friday she's "going to take the time to get it right." see HEALTH CARE | page 2



fundraising campaign at Casa Vostra Ristorante, Thursday.

VICTORIA GRAY PolhamNFWS Staff

WELLAND - A far cry from the days of when the local United Way agency would ask

for upwards of a million dollars to aid dozens of local non-profit programs and organizations, the south Niagara branch Thursday night kicked off its fall fundraising campaign with a goal of

attaining \$600,000. Since those days, industries

once relied on for a huge chunk of campaign dollars have closed shop or moved elsewhere. People have lost jobs.

And agencies they once turned to, too, have bad to cut programming, merge or call it

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■ HEALTH CARE

Recommendations to be People encouraged to donate reviewed by Matthews

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"Obviously there are some very important decision points there," she said, "I will take the time that these recommendations deserve. I'm not setting a timeline for myself, but I am giving very serious consideration to each of these recommendations."

Some of those recommendations released in the NHS supervisor's final report last week carry a significant price tag - such as a new \$878.8-million hospital for

south Niagara. "There's no question we're operating in a time of real fiscal challenges. All of (Smith's) recommendations will be considered very seriously but within the context in which we live," Matthews said. "(Smith) has given us some very good advice, but it's a while out there before any

decision is going to be made on the capital side. Some of Smith's recommendations have been hard for people within the community to swallow

said she shares concerns particularly about consolidating services like pediatrics. obstetrics and mental health in St. Catharines until a new

Welland MPP Cindy Forster community." hospital is built. There are going to be

huge negative impacts on the remaining programs and services in Welland and Niagara Falls," the NDPer said, "And that's certainly not something that I support, nor does my

partv While supporting many of the recommendations in Smith's report. Conservative health-care critic Christine Elliott said south Niagara residents are "naturally skeptical about whether or not the government really has a plan to create a coherent system

within NHS" "I think a lot of their concerns are very real because they've seen this government promise a lot of things and haven't seen it materialize,

she said. Although Smith's final report recommends relocating pediatrics and obstetrics programs to the new south Niagara hospital when it's built, Elliott wondered what happens if the new hospital never becomes a reality "and you're left without those services in the local

Matthews said consolidating those programs is "one recommendation that I know people, particularly in south Niagara, are anxiously awaiting (for a decision to be made), but I'm going to take



Deb Matthews

the time it deserves." "I can tell you though, that I will always make decisions based on what's best for patients," Matthews said Although Smith recommended building a new hospital at the intersection of Lyons Creek Rd, and the

OEW, Matthews said she hasn't made any decisions regarding a location. There's a lot that has to happen before a decision to move forward on a new hospital can be made," she said. "The most important thing that can happen now is that

the NHS continues to develop a culture of patient-centred care. I think we've come so far in a short period of time. but there's more work ahead before that is a decision that will be made"

■ FUNDRAISER

time instead of money

the many needs and issues

"We want people to know

the 17 organizations sup-

ported by the United Way

that it starts with them."

said former branch presi-dent Peter Papp. "Your

donation is the start or

something great for some-

one in need and it goes

directly to this community."

also focused on encourag-

ing people to donate some-

thing more important than

money — the organization

always need volunteers

and they know that not

Charitable organizations

This year's campaign is

try to tackle.

wants time.

John Crocco, United Way of South Niagara's newest campaign chair. said this about the 2012 goal: "The focus is on our community and on the 17 organizations, and it's an opportunity for members of the community to come together and give what they can for each other." The local United Way

kicked off its campaign with a gala at Casa Vostra Ristorante, where it was announced this year's theme is "Why I give." The campaign is meant to raise funds and awareness in the community of

III UNITED WAY OF SOUTH NIAGARA

Amalgamation still supported

PelhamNEWS Staff

United Way of South Niagara president Angela Carter respects Niagara Falls decision to pull out amalgamation talks, but she's disappointed.

"We're disappointed and at the same time respect that each of the boards have their own decision to make and to represent," she said. Niagara Falls and Fort Erie United Way announced Tuesday they were backing away from the table because it didn't feel amalgamating with South Niagara and St. Catharines and District United Way branches would

offer their clients more or

better services.

everyone has extra money to give, but they do know

everyone has time. Iodi Mcintosh has cerebral palsy and colitis. She can't talk and her mobility is severely limited, but she donates her time to the United Way doing office

"In spite of everything that has happened in her life, she still volunteers." United Way representative Ad Lewis said. "I think sometimes we take everything we have for granted, but you know if she can do it, so can we."

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sion would not effect their

ability to work with the falls branch in the future. "We've always worked together and just because

they don't want to amalgamate it doesn't have impact on us working together," she said.

Carter still believes amalgamation is the right way to go for South Niagara.



tempo



■ TERRY HUGHES: Retired teacher still educating

Writer: it's time to focus on history

ALLAN BENNER PelhamNEWS Staff

WELLAND - Two hundred years ago, the eyes of the world were focused on Niagara as the War of 1812 raged on.

Every community has a special time," said Terry Hughes. "That was ours." And now, during the bicentennial of that war. he said schools should be focusing on local history - about the battles fought

within their own community 200 years ago. "But it's not happening, and I know why. Our teach-

ers are too overwhelmed," he said School boards, he added, are too focused on provincial test results to dedicate too much time to educating

young people about their own history. Even while teaching primarily at Fitch St. school. local history was always a big part of the lessons Hughes taught in his bistory class - although it wasn't a topic he was supposed to be teaching early in his career. Local history wasn't added

to the curriculum until Hughes used local history as a way to help his students relate to events that happened long before they were

He organized regular field trips for his students well, at least the ones who got their homework done, taking them on bicycle tours of historic sites throughout

With the support of school principals, Hughes said he was able to do "lots of interesting things" while teaching his students.

"Because of that I developed what I call a bag of tricks because I had to sell history," he said, "It was my mission. I bad to get kids interested in history.

In addition to the popular field trips, Hughes' bag of tricks also included things like popular song lyrics that beloed link students to their own past, as well as using maps and literature to make learning about history a little more fun. Hughes, a lifelong

Welland resident, has never stopped teaching local Long after his retirement

in 1997, Hughes has continued to educate people about the history of the community, writing regular columns published in The Tribune, and leading tours and discussions on topics like the history of the Welland Canal, and railways that once carried passengers throughout Niagara.

The father of two sons and grandfather of five led one such discussion Saturday, during a meeting of the Pelham Historical Society.

"I find that there is some difficulty in getting the message out in my own community about our heritage," he said "That's been my goal, to

make people aware that we have lots of interesting stories" He shared a few of those stories during Saturday's

meeting

There's a story about David Morgan - you've heard of Morgan's Point, He and his son, to avoid all the



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Terry Hughes holds an old photograph of the old aqueduct — a landmark that has since been transformed into a flower pot. The remains of the structure form the base of the city's rose garden behind the Civic Square.

hassle that United Empire Loyalists were getting when they came into Canada, he decided to put a canoe in the water with bis son and he paddled across the lake."

he said. "He probably landed on Camelot Beach, There was a lot of rock down at Morgan's

Point so they didn't want to land there because the canoe would have been torn apart.

"Once they got farming, where were they going to take their produce to get it milled? The Zavitz opera-

tion wasn't there yet." He said Morgan would interesting story, but there

load his grain into his canoe, paddle it down the are all kinds of stories like Niagara River to Chippawa. He'd portage around the falls, and then paddle across Lake Ontario to Kingston where he could get his grain

milled. "That in itself was an

that, that are out there," he said. "When you stop and think of something as horrendous as that, that's really something that's hard to believe, but that's what they had to do."

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Daisy stars on Haist

ackyard wildlife provide ainment no matter where you In rural Pelham on ponds and among shrubs and in trees you can see ducks, geese, song birds, hawks, turkeys, turkey

vultures and owls. Across the back of farms and through bush lots wander deer, coyotes, foxes and even the legendary Pelham panther. In the urban area, of Fonthill there is

another rare critter, a pure white squirrel called Daisy. "She is quite elusive, but is occasionally seen on lawns near Kirk-on-the-Hill," said

John Giancarlo. On Sept. 16, he spotted her on a lawn on

"I grabbed my camera and dashed out to try and snap photos of her," he said. Even with the best of skills and good equipment, wildlife photography is

"Daisy is a busy little squirrel with a large fluffy tail. She is constantly moving quickly, but I was able to get a few photos of her before she scampered up a maple tree and disappeared." White squirrels are relatively rare,

especially among the black, brown and grey squirrels of Ontario. But colonies of them do develop, Exeter, about 50 kilometres north of London, has turned its group into a tourist attraction.

Daisy apparently is a classic. "Her eyes and ears are pink and her coat a brilliant white and she has a huge fluffy tail" said Giancarlo "She is always a delight to see, since she

is so unusual and lovely to watch. She is one of nature's natural wonders, right here I know what he means, Squirrels put on

a good show anytime. It's even better when they're an exotic white.

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III HUMOUR: Arnie Dyker

It's all about avoiding the big mistakes

Am made a mistake today on the golf course. "So," you may be saying.

"Everybody makes mistakes on the golf course. The best players in the world make mistakes. Does he think he's so special that he doesn't?" The thing is, Am's was a bigger than

average boo-boo. No, it wasn't when he hit the shot sideways that went under that tree. That's not even his fault. That's God's fault for not giving him a good enough supply of talent.

And it wasn't when he said, "I ain't takin' no six. I can make this shot. Whereupon he put forward his best effort to squirt it out under the branches a foot off the ground and down the fairway a hundred yards in a wild-eyed attempt to skip it across the pond directly in front of the green and then, somehow, in a bit of a long shot, onto that green. That didn't work out, of course, Phil Michelson might pull that off one time out of a thousand.

And it wasn't when, lying in three inches of water in that pond, he announced, "I ain't takin' no eight, I can make this shot." And it wasn't three shots later

when he got that ball across the green and under the lip of the bunker on the far side, when he exhorted "I ain't takin' no 12! I can make this shot." It wasn't even directly related to his statement as he was marking the



16 on his scorecard, "Well it looks like it's gonna be hard to beat you today, Rog." (Pronounced, Rodge, like Dodge, short form for the family name Rogers, for those of you meeting him for the first time.) He's Amie longtime friend who is

actually a good golfer. Armle outscores him about once every six years, partly because of the discrepancy in talent and partly because a good golfer never says, "I ain't takin' no six," and ends up with 16. Nope, the big mistake had its

genesis soon after the 16, when Arn announced, with total insincerity to Mr. Rogers and to his other close friend RI. "I can handle a 16 because I have hardly any ego now that I'm older."

RJ got the joke and smiled one of those little ironic smiles that he does so well. Rog, apparently not sure whether

Arn was vanking them around, spent a good ten seconds pondering the statement, and then, with that soft smile that he specializes in, came up with, "You do seem to be doing a little better with that Arn...... But you're still as stubborn as ever."

The mistake, and it's a big one, came when Rog dropped his buddy off at home after the game.

exchanged a few pleasant words with Amie and Donna Jean, and left for his own home with a wave and a "See you next time." The mistake came when Amie told the 16 story to his wife, and all she got

out of it was, "Well, yeah, you're the most stubborn man I've ever known. Am' Arnie was only asking for a chuckle,

not a hurtful confirmation of the worst that could be taken from his little story. But an hour later, sharing a sunset and glass of wine on the back deck. when Donna Jean asked, "You're

not still dwelling on that, are you?" he replied, honestly, "No, not in a hurt way, my love. But I was thinking about the philosophy of it."
What he was thinking in his

philosophical fog was: "You know I'm betting that just about every wife would have the same observation about her husband: 'You're the most stubborn man I know

"And almost every husband would say, 'I love her dearly, but she is one stubborn woman' *Because every one of us is

stubborn by nature. "That might not even be a terribly bad thing, either. What kind of world would we be living in if everyone but

say ten people was always thinking I must be wrong. Because somebody said so, and they must be right. What do I know?

"A rotten, dictator-led world of spineless clones, that's what kind of world

"Of course your wife is going to think you're the most stubborn man in the world. She's the one who both loves you and wishes you would do things and see things more the way she does. And of course you're going to resist cometimes. You're a man and she's a woman, and it's way beyond rare that you're going to see things exactly the same way - not gonna happen. You're the same species, but

not the same version." When Donna lean mentioned, less casually than Am would have liked. "If you asked all of your best friends, you know they'd say that you're a really stubborn man, too.

Well, no. Amie doesn't think that's what they'd say He thinks they'd say is, "Why no. Arnold. She thinks you're stubborn because she's your wife. That's what

all of the wives think. "You're not stubborn at all. Quite the opposite, in fact." That's what Amie thinks they'd say.

But he's not going to hunt them down to pursue their answer. That would be an unfair thing to do to a friend. Unfair and undignified.

Phys... He's afraid to ask.

■ REAL ESTATE VIEW: Cathy Berkhout-Bosse

Has the real estate market bubble burst?

nit sales of residential properties dropped off 26% in August compared to last year's August results. According to MLS system reports of the Niagara Association of REALTORS* there were 14 sales in Pelham during the month of August 2011 down from the total of 19 sales reported in August 2011.

Similar monthly results were reported in our neighbouring City of Welland. With August 2012 total sales of 66 units, the month ended 26% shy of last year's total of 89 transactions recorded in August

The August slowdown is consistent with the most recent

2011

media release from the Canadian Real Estate Association that indicated that the number of home sales processed through the MLS* Systems of real estate boards and associations in Canada fell 5.8 ner cent between July and August 2012. This drop in activity represents the largest month-over-month National decline since June 2010.

With almost all the large urban centres across Canada including Greater Toronto, Greater Montreal, Greater Vancouver, the Fraser Valley, Calgary, Edmonton, and Ottawa all reporting reduced activity in August the cumulative effect caught the attention of our national media. The result being that the most common question



we are now hearing from local consumers is "Has the bubble

As far as Niagara is concerned, one would have to presume that there was a bubble in the first place. Since 2007 the average annual sale price of the Toronto Real Estate Board increased 23.7% while unit sales declined 4.1%. In comparison, our Pelham market

experienced a modest 5% price growth during the same time frame with unit sales 16% below the 2007 peak level.

It is no secret that average price growth has been slowing across Canada since last Spring. Remember to keep in mind that all markets are local and our small, affordable Niagara predictably sputters along without the extreme ups and downs of larger metropolitan markets.

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■readers'views

Clarification on connection

I am with OurDigitalWorld which is the organization that provided the software, VITA. for the Pelham Public Library to create

their online site I just wanted to clarify that in the story "Library puts historical cal-endars online" a statement "A connected website was set up through OurOntario, historical research

source," is misleading. The OurOntario.ca portal is a historical research source that the Pelham material will be discovered through as well as the standalone site at http://vitacollections.ca/ pelhamlocalhistory/ customized by

Pelham Public Library. The latter, and it's linkage to the larger portal, are provided by

OurDigitalWorld OurDigitalWorld (http://ourdigitalworldm.org) provides technologles and services to increase and encourage the creation of digital collections for organizations of all kinds and of every size. Our services enhance the

discovery through portals like OurOntario.ca and on the World Wide Web so historians, genealogists, students, and the general public can find and explore our rich cultural heritage.

Using the VITA Digital Toolkit. Pelham Public Library was able to upload, describe, and display their local historical society's collection of historical calendars with full text searching and page-by-page

browse capabilities. By bringing this material "off the shelf", viewers across the globe will be able to freely and easily access these records of local history and their archival photos, illustrations, and more.

Pelham Public Library is contributing to the increasing breadth of historical information available online and doing so in ways that will ensure that history is discovered and can be shared far and wide

For more information about the VITA Toolkit, go to http://vitatoolkit.ca.

To access the Pelham Local History collection go to http://vitacollections.ca/ PelhamLocalHistory/

Jess Posgate Our Digital World

Something did happen here

The recent heritage report to Pelham council by Carl Bray contained the statement

"Nothing important happened

Bray ignores, or may not be aware of, a drama connected with

Rebellion of 1837-38 that took place entirely in Pelham Township.

The attack on a contingent of dragoons stationed at St. Johns is widely acknowledged as an important episode in a struggle that eventually led to the establishment of responsible government in Upper Canada (Ontario).

In 1838 Pelham Township was a hothed of political discontent, with farmers and merchants exasperated with the existing order Even with the tempering influence of the Quakers, there were many tempted to participate in armed rebellion.

When a band of insurgents invaded the township they were aided and abetted, though most Pelhamites preferred to watch and

The raiders camped in Aaron Winchester's bush, a tract of virgin forest still to be seen north of Peninsula Lakes Golf Club

Another base of the rebels was at Solomon Kemp's tannery across the mad from the old Pelham Town Hall on Canhoro Road Some of the insurgents trudged in the dead of night along Overholt Road and Hollow Road, stopping briefly to rob the aged Abraham Overholt and his son. The dragoons were stationed at

Osterhout's Inn on Roland Road in

St Johns The ensuing firefight ended with the dragoons captured and eventually parolled. However, the self-styled Patriot Army, finally realizing they had stirred up a hornet's nest, dispersed south and west through the township. pursued by militia infantry and mounted government troops. Most were captured, some at Eber Rice's inn at Fonthill, some in the swamp behind Kemp's tannery. One of the

leaders was hung, and a number were sentenced to transportation to Tasmania. Nothing important? I beg to differ.

Gerry Kirk Pelham

Uniforms unnecessary additional expense

Commencing September 2013. the Niagara Catholic District School Board plans to implement a standardized dress code policy for all elementary schools.

An extensive, vested undertaking continues despite all 51 schools unanimously voting this down. Faced with significant criticism

and opposition, continual revisions attempt to disguise this gateway for a full formal uniform

The minimum standardized dress on one end of spectrum and optional full formal uniform on the other claims to be a socio-economic equilzer however will clearly

depict who can afford what. Over the past four years, Niagara's Ontario Works caseload has increased by 47% . The MCSS intends to reduce the Region's housing and homelessness sur ports from 7.24 million (2012) to

2.9 million (2013). The Region's Employment Insurance beneficiaries increased by 71% in the year following the 2008 economic crisis. Niagara's food banks are experiencing

unprecedented demands. This uniform is an additional and unnecessary expense that many families will not be able to afford. The board claims they will financially assist families in need.

Parents should not be forced to ask for what will clearly be unaffordable to many This is a misaligned priority and the advocacy should be for addi-

tional resources in our schools Children as young as three will be progressively disciplined for noncompliance. School staff face increasing

jennifer,brailev@ncdsb.com by student complexities with limited community supports and will St. Anns

be burdened by unnecessary adherance.

The board claims this uniform enhances self respect, promotes Catholic identity/uniqueness and instills pride and spirit.

How does demanding standardization and uniformity in attire recognize uniqueness? Diversity needs to be respected/celebrated and self expression should be rec-

ognized as an essential component of healthy childhood development. Children's internal mechanisms, not their attire, instill true pride

The Board promises a sense of belonging and welcoming learning environment however clearly those who cannot adhere do not belong and will need to leave. The Board is not adhering to their current policy requiring 80% of families to vote in favor. Instead five out of eight trustees will decide our children's future.

What options for an affordable publically funded faith based education remain? The Ontario Catholic Institute

for Education aspires a common vision through collaboration, not a dictatorship. Please send compelling comments to the trustees through

October 12, 2012. Sarah and John VanDerLee

Fenwick Lions thank the community

The Fabulous Fenwick Lions Club thanks the community for its support during our recent Biketoberfest event.

The assistance provided by so many volunteers from the Fenwick Lioness, Fonthill Lions, Thorold Lions. Fonthill Kinsmen, Station 3 Firefighters, Station 2 Firefighters, volunteer staff from the Royal Bank, Sandra Warden and staff from the Town of Pelham made this the biggest and best Biketoberfest

Our gratitude as well to our neighbours for their patience and understanding on Sept. 15. Thanks to the generosity of the many people who bought tickets

on the motorcycle we raised over \$50.000 for charity. The winner of the motorcycle was Rob Brown of Waterloo. second prize went to Dave Freeman of Fonthill and third prize

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Frost takes big bite from Ontario's apple supply

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Biting frosts in April are at the core of one of the worst apple crops in recent memory. With the troubled harvest already several weeks underway. Harvest Ontario said about 85% of the crop was destroyed when sub-zero temperatures killed vulnerable blossoms.

Apple lovers might therefore want to stock up early. Reports indicate this year's

harvest will be so scanty, produce sellers in Ontario might only have the provincially grown fruit in bins until

"Just a shadow of what it would have been in the past." said Mark Wright, of Wright Brothers Produce in north St. Catharines, "I think it's everybody, and I think it's other jurisdictions like Michigan and New York state ... there's no one who's going to be able to help (supply markets in the Great Lakes area)."

While Wright Brothers would normally have local and area suppliers ship them a handful varieties, for the most part so far they've mainly had the Paula Reds, McIntosh and Royal Gala available.

"We're only selling them by the quart and a few baskets, Wright said. "By now, we'd normally have baskets ... and larger volumes for the customere to how

John Hozian, of Town and Country Farms on Canboro Rd., said he has seen a 15 to 20% crop and another week or two left of picking.

"My quality is good, except I don't have many," he said. "All over, it's (generally) the same," Hozian said, adding he has not seen a harvest this diminished in the 20 years he

"I'm just hoping next year's going to be better." Some growers with wind machines that warmed up buds during the frosts did much

has grown apples.

orchards

Leo DeVries, of DeVries Fruit Farms in Fenwick, has at least a half crop to work with from his approximately 40 acres of

A hot ripening summer

has also meant the quality of the fruit is "phenomenal," he

"We had lots of sunshine and irrigation. It's a good crop on that farm," said DeVries. "We've been blessed.

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SOWING THE **SEEDS OF THE** APPLE'S WOES

a very warm March pushed apple blossoms out early in Niagara and elsewhere in the Great Lakes basin

at least one killer frost in April devastated many apple and stone-fruit growers ■ Ontario lost 85% of its apple

crop this year, though some areas in Niagara fared better supply of this year's area and provincial crop may run out by Christmas

many Niagara growers are still reporting a high-quality crop



Despite frost, a high quality apple crop is still expected this year.

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■ 100TH BIRTHDAY



SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo Brown Irvine, who turned 100 on Monday, was presented with a certificate by Pelham mayor Dave Augustyn.

III FUNDRAISER

Kinsmen hold road toll

PELHAM - There were a few clowns, a lot of halloons and whole hunch of generosity when the Fonthill and District Kinsmen held their annual road toll, Saturday at the Fonthill Shopping

And every penny they collected from people driving into the shopping plaza would he donated to The Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, said Barney Uhhink, the event chairman who dressed as a colourful clown for the event

The Kinsmen had yet to tally up the money they collected during the event, but Kinsmen past president Nev Coslovich said he suspected they

were doing "pretty good."
"The people of Pelham are always willing to donate to good causes, like this one," he said. "It's an annual thing, and we really appreciate what the town gives."

There were quite a few \$20 bills amongst the change and \$5 hills in the Kinsmen's collection buckets, Ubbink added.



Dressed as a clown, Chris Wilmans asks a passing motorist to pitch in.

Century club's new member

There is no secret to living a long life.

just good genes, a healthy lifestyle and a little bit of luck, Irvine says. "I have good genetics. My mother

lived to be 103," he adds. The Short Hills Villa resident grew up on a farm in Holstein, Ont., and graduated from high school in 1928.

University, and later attended the College of Osteopathy and Surgery. graduating in 1942. Irvine was happily married to his

wife Marie for many years and enjoyed working as a physician while raising his family of four children in Cambridge. He later retired in 1990 and moved to Pelham to he closer to his children.

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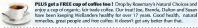
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Pelham Fire Chief Bob Lymburner warns residents about the hazards of Flying

It's not a toy, he said. "It is

Lanterne

onen flames

The lanterns are sold by Canadian online distributor of fineworks products and at retail stores The Office of the Fire They are a small paper hot-Marshal, the fire chief said. air balloons, fuelled by an

a dangerous object."

has been warning people

around the province about

the serious fire safety hazard,

The Flying Lantern is also known as a sky lantern. When released, the hot air produced by the fuel source can lift the lantern to extreme heights and allows it to drift for long distances until the fuel is depleted. Due to their uncontrolled and unpredict-

able flight path, the lanterns

can land on trees, building rooftops or other combustible properties, while still ignited, and notentially cause

"Having an uncontrolled flame flying around is extremely hazardous", said Lymburnér I have seen the lantern in not a toy or decoration. If people are found lighting these lanterns, the fire department may take enforcement action as needed. For more information call the fire department at 905-892-3943 or email sholditch@

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FIRE TRUCK CALL PELHAM - Doug Johnson of the Welland Rotary Club has operation, and it is definitely asked Pelham if it could spare a

> He was trying to find firefighting equipment for Villa Nueva in Guatemala. The city of 710.210, second largest in Guatemala, is protected by a volunteer fire department with

little equipment. Response time to fire calls in 30 minutes

Pelham Fire Chief Robert Lymburner said the town wasn't retiring any trucks in the near future. But it may have bunker equipment it will have to replace under Ontario timelimit safety regulations Fire safety rules in Guatemala are not as tight.

RIDING IT OUT

PELHAM - Planning direct Craig Larmour collected \$3,700 from town councillors, town staff and other contributors He hopped on a bike and rode the 100 Mile Century Challenge in the Big Move Cancer Ride for Walker Family Cancer Centre in St. Cathaines He took the 160 kilometre challenge on behalf of the town, putting in a training period before the ride. Much of the

Sept. 9 ride was in Pelham. He reminded council at its meeting last the cancer ride is still receiving donations to the end of October. More than \$500,000 has been raised so far by the 439 riders.





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Tristyn Lewis help manager Stan Kostecki and comptroller Carole Saalmans accept the

VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo
Welland-Pelham Chamber of Commerce executive director Doines Fabiano, left, and Mel
Groom from RBC Dominion Bank present Ball Hockey International in Welland with an RBC
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All fair in Wainfleet

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WAINFLEET -- "It was a great fair - excellent results," said David Wyatt, Wainfleet Agricultural Society president.

"We had a lot of people out. We're thinking right now that close to 5,000 came out in spite of Saturday's wet morning."

Despite the pouring rain that morning, Wyatt said all the events "went of without a hitch."

"We had a lot of people comment on how well the fair was run this year and the

amount of entertainment and how entertaining everything was:

The fair's theme this year was "200 years of agriculture roots," tving the event in with the bicentennial of the War

of 1812 That theme, Wyatt added, "worked out really well" with several displays and activities dedicated to the battles

fought in Niagara. He was also impressed with the parade that rolled through the township to kick off the annual event, as well as the talent of the community's children who competed in the Wainfleet Idol.

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"It was just one of those years," he said. There were a few unusual demonstrations set up during the fair, including a display of rabbits hopping

along a course of miniature obstacles Janine Van Oostrom was looking at You Tube videos of horse jumping, when she stumbled across a video of

rabbits jumping instead. Just like equestrian horses. the rabbits are led around a much smaller obstacle course of jumps.

The Fenwick resident was intrigued. "I decided to try it myself," and her own rabbit Mickey seemed to be a natural at it

Kayla Werkman also added her bunny Oreo to the display. She said she started stacking books and was impressed

with how well the rabbit managed to hop over them. Wyatt said he was also very impressed with the dozens of volunteers who helped out during the event, as well as the committee members including 15 year old Robbie Sherwood, one of the youngest committee members.

Sherwood has been show-

the Lakeshore Catholic High

Two-year-old Ewan Reles, with Yvan Joly, looked a little uneasy about the horse he met at the Wainfleet Fall Fair over the weekend.

ing off his poultry during

the event since he was eight

years old. He was at the

poultry displays again during

this years event, ensuring the

birds in his care were well School student added, referring to the ribbons the 12 taken care of. "I got two champion animals he entered won. pigeons. I got a lot of stuff,

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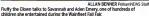
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Group Study Exchange candidates wanted for trip to Philippines

Rotary District 7090, which stretches from Brantford. Ont. to Jamestown, N.Y., and its 72 clubs, including the Rotary Club of Fonthill, will be offering a cultural and vocational exchange for young business and professional men and women with Rotary District 3800 in the Philippines, between February and March 2013.

Exchange (GSE), The Rotary Foundation covers most of the costs involved, including airfare, accommodation, and meals for four team members and a Rotarian team leader. The hosting Philippine Rotarians and their clubs

plan the itinerary. "The personal and professional growth from being part of a team, being immersed in a different culture, and seeing

perspective is remarkable," notes District Governor Rick Sterne, of the benefits of the GSE program for the young ple who participate, and their employers.

Qualification for applicants include: anyone between the ages of 25 and 40, in good health, who, for two years, has been fully employed and living in Rotary District 7090, is not a Rotarian or related to

personal and work responsibilities for a month and can devote time to the team in the weeks leading up to the exchange (Feb. 15 to March

"The best candidates are enthusiastic about their professions, exemplary in their work, are open-minded, personable, articulate, and demonstrate leadership as well as co-operation and flexibility

with a team," said Sterne. In 2011, the Fonthill club was fortunate to have one of its candidates, Sally Rennick, chosen for the month-long GSE exchange to South

Korea, The experience was life-changing, Rennick has The deadline for candidates to apply is Nov. 2; applications can be obtained from send an email to fonthillrothe Rotary Club of Fonthill.

be called for an interview in If chosen, team members are responsible for passports,

visas (if required), inoculations, gifts for their host families, and spending money for personal items For more information, contact a member of the Rotary Club of Fonthill or

■ BASEBALL

Pelham Peewees in ORA tournament

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The Pelham Pee-Wee Rep team sponsored by Bobcat of Hamilton travelled to Belle River to compete in the Ontario Baseball Association Provincial

In the first game of the tournament, Pelham faced off against the Belle River Braves. The Panthers battled hard keeping pace with the Provincial favorites for 5 innings but they could not contain the Belle River bats in the 6th inning and were defeated

The second game had the Panthers facing Wallaceburg, Pelham's bats pounded 16 hits over 5 innings and sealed the game with an 18-4 win. The third game of the week

end had the Panthers facing Kingsville where the winner of the game moved on to the Semi-Finals. Pelham held the lead for the majority of the game but the Kingsville Knights put together

a 5 run 7th inning and eliminated the Panthers from the Notable mentions over the OBA weekend are: ■ Harry Steven 1 hr, 5 sin-

gles, 2 doubles, 4 rbi's: Evan Dobbie 6 singles, 3 doubles, 4 rbi's

Ryan Reece 8 singles, 1 triple, 5 rbi's

■ Garret Quast had 7 base The strong arms of Pat, Dallas, Harry, Garrett, Nathan, Ryan, Evan, and Stephen all chipped in with a balanced

■ Dallas McKee 1 single, 4

Pat Coupland 4 singles, 3

■ Stephen Scott 2 singles, 1

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■ Nathan Cook 5 singles, 1 attack on the mound

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On Wed Sept 5, the Pee-wee Panthers were eliminated from the Niagara District Baseball Association Semi Finals by the Niagara Falls Minors by a score

■ Sydney Porte 3 singles, 4 of 12-11. Ryan Reece had three of the ■ Spencer Reynolds 2 sin-Panther's 10 hits, while Dallas McKee chipped in with two ■ Josh Stuart 2 singles, 2 rbi's

Congratulations to the Panthers who had an overall season record of 24 wins, 26

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CFUW Welland and District: 71 years of growing and moving forward

For PelhamNEWS Canadian Federation of

University Women Welland District held their first meeting for the 2012-13 season at the home of Angela Mannella-Pisani. Traditionally this is a social

gathering where members both long standing and new have the opportunity to share summer memories. This year will again see

the club's annual book sale, scheduled for Saturday, October 13 at the Regional Fair Grounds in Welland beginning at 9 a.m.

The club's October meeting will be held at the Plymouth Cordage Retirement Residence, Welland on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 7:30 The club welcomes all

women interested in joining.



Pelham High students cheer again

WAYNE CAMPBELL PelhamNFWS Staff

Almost 40 years after it closed in 1974, Pelham District High School still educates students.

A fund, generated by a \$10,000 profit from the old high school's first reunion in 1984, provides scholarships to E.L. Crossley Secondary School graduates.

"We invested when interest rates were high and added to it at later reunions. said Ken Crowther who attended Pelham High in the late 1950s.

He's an organizer of the school's seventh reunion. taking place Saturday, Oct. 20. at Sparrow Lakes Golf Course.

The 1984 reunion drew 4,000 people to the school building. By then it was a private school. Today it is an apartment complex on Canboro Rd. at Balfour St.

Reunions were held first every five years, then every three for former students. There are fewer of us

Everybody knew everybody and many are still friends today."

Ken Crowther

now." Crowther said, noting the 2009 reunion attracted more than 300 people. In the 1960s new high

schools — Thorold-Fonthill and E.L. Crossley - drew students away from Pelham

When I was there we had 1,500 students, I guess that was the peak," said Crowther. Almost everyone was

bused in from the surrounding area, Wainfleet and what is now West Lincoln. We had a wide social

connection, knowing people from Lowbanks, Wellandport and Fontbill as well as our own neighbourhood. Sports, especially football

and track, were important. The 1963 Pelham Panthers championship victory in the Welland Tribune basketball

tournament was a major achievement. Crowther said Pelham High was called "the farmers' school," not only because it was rural but because it had an agricul-

tural program. Despite its size, it was a close-knit group of students. "Everybody knew every-

body and many are still friends today." At the reunions, the connections are renewed.

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REUNION FACTS

- Saturday, Oct. 20 Sparrow Lakes Golf Course, 105 South
- Pelham Rd., Welland Registration \$10 at the door
 - For more information e-mail pelhamhighreunion7@ gmail.com or call 905-892-7090.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo Pelham District High School alumni Ken Crowther and Vilma Moretti hold a victory banner from the 1963 Tribune basketball tournament. They are surrounded by memorabilia from the high school that closed in 1974. The alumni will hold its seventh reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, 1 p.m.

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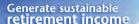
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Well-kept cometeries and historic buildings such as these at Pelham Friends Evangelical Church are valuable assets for both historical and economic reasons. Consultant Carl Bray of Bray Heritage presented the Heritage Master Plan final report to Pelham town council Monday. The Curunt-cemetery has been designated a United Empire Loyalist burial site by the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada Col. John Butler Branch

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PELHAM — A heritage master plan is more than a list of old buildings. It shows the community the economic benefits of heritage conservation, consultant Carl Bray told town council Monday as he presented his final report on the plan that provides a management framework for the municioality to

address provincial heritage policies.
"With this you can cherry pick on
what you need to do," said Bray.
To create the master plan, he worked
with Archaeological Services Inc., the

Planning Partnership, the Tourism Co., Baird Sampson Neuert Architects and Golden Consulting. He said the plan ties into economic, tourism and planning aspects of the

Unlike other communities in the Golden Horseshee, "you're not under the gun of massive expansion," Bray told councillors, recognizing Pelham has retained its rural character. "It's low-key. It's what people are

looking for. It's a place where you slow down for squirrels."

The town has its quirks such as roads

that stagger at concessions.

The plan covers all types of heritage resources including buildings, land-scapes, archaeological potential and

local traditions.

Showing a coloured map of agricultural land qualities, he said "green is gold as rich agricultural land increases in value" to serve a hungry world. Pelham was fortunate in that it was a

TRAFFIC: On Regional Rd. 20

"Nothing major happened here," Bray

In pre-contact time, aboriginal groups stuck to the watercourses and boggy areas. The War of 1812 was fought away from Pelham. In transportation, it had one of the first electric systems with the N.S.&T trolleys.

An untapped potential for tourism are its well-maintained cemeteries with historical links. It has a good stock of historical buildings that can enhance other uses. Similarly, the town's rolling, scenic landscapes can tie in with cycling and other recreation, explained

The heritage master plan will be used by council and staff along with the town's official plan and strategic plan.

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Pelham seeks flashy school zone

PelhamNEWS Staff

Town council is asking Niagara Region to establish a school zone along Regional Rd. 20.

It would stretch from Haist St. down

through Fonthill to Station St. to serve an existing and a future school. Ward 2 Coun. Gary Accursi made the motion to ensure "a safe environment for

its citizens."
As a school zone, the speed limit would drop to 40 km/h from 50 km/h between 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. as well as between 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Flashing yellow lights

3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Flashing yellow lights along the route would signal when the reduced speed limit is in effect. Maple Crest Early School is moving to a large farmhouse at Hillcrest Pl.

to a large farmhouse at Hillcrest Pl. and Region Rd. 20 while St. Alexander Catholic School is at Station St. and Regional Rd. 20.

Neighbours of the future school on

Hillcrest Pl. and Pinecrest Ct. recently opposed its property's rezoning, saying

traffic presented a risk.

Accursi said he was responding to their concerns in recognizing a large number of residents enter and exit Regional Rd. 20 during the morning and afternoon

He asked for the school zone on advice of regional staff, who indicated drivers pay more attention to school zones than

community safety zones.

Ward 2 Coun. Catherine King, while supporting the motion, pointed out the existing 50-km/h limit isn't being respected by drivers. She hopes Niagara Regional Police will be ready to enforce

a new limit.

Mayor Dave Augustyn said he and
Pelham regional Coun. Brian Baty will
work on setting up the school zone at the
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a cultural asset. Old Pelham Town Hall at 491 Canboro Road, Ridgeville Those attending the twohour session will be asked about the needs and opportunities for cultural development

in the town as well as learn more about the cultural master plan. "We would also like to hear about your vision for culture in Pelham and your ideas for

maximizing and developing the town's existing cultural assets," said community services manager Vickie VanRavenswaav. The town has retained Slerra Planning and Management to develop the plan.

The plan will create the framework for cultural investwhat the town has in place, and helping to define and develop local cultural assets. It will contain recommendations for supports to ensure effective implementation of the plan. It's expected to be complete by

March 2013. The plan will be a municipal planning document that will feed into the town's planning processes for tourism, recreation and economic

development. The town has a survey available on line at: https:// www.surveymonkey.com/s/ B6IM6L3 to assist those attending the public meeting.

For information about the meeting contact Vickie VanRavenswaay at vicvanr@ pelham.ca or 905-892-2607 ext 312

If you are unable to attend the public meeting, but would like to express your thoughts, you can e-mail comments to VanRavenswaay.

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